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The attached references were discovered as a result of a Search Report in a related copending foreign patent application. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the documents and the International Search Report.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of these references during prosecution of the above-identified matter. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

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